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MJC announces Rusty Stivers as new head football coach

(Modesto, CA) – Modesto Junior College has named Rusty Stivers as head football coach in 2015. The selection was approved tonight by the Yosemite Community College District’s Board of Trustees during their May meeting.

Stivers is currently an adjunct instructor of Physical Education and Health Education at MJC, in addition to being the MJC Football Team’s offensive coordinator.

According to MJC Dean of Physical, Recreation and Health Education Patrick Bettencourt, “Mr. Stivers is a phenomenal educator, visionary in the arena of instructional technology, and a fierce advocate for the academic success of student athletes.”

Stivers’ official title will be Instructor of Physical Education and Head Football Coach. Stivers replaces Sam Young, who was MJC’s winningest coach with a 93-67 record over 15 seasons. Stivers had been Young’s offensive coordinator since 2006.

Interim Athletic Director Nick Stavrianoudakis commented that “MJC’s offense is one of the most explosive in the state. Rusty had to adapt, improvise and overcome last season with four different starting quarterbacks and still averaged 458 yards per game – 6th in the state. He comes highly recommended by local high school coaches, former college coaches and even opposing coaches.”

Under Stivers’ coaching as offensive coordinator, the Pirates’ offenses have averaged over 400 yards and 36 points per game. In the past four years, Stivers’ offenses have ranked #1 in the entire state – over 500 yards and 40 points. Stivers has been on MJC’s football coaching staff since 1996, with a two year break in 2000-2001, while he led Riverbank High School to its best record as their head coach.

According to Stivers, “I am honored to accept what I consider to be my dream job as the head football coach at Modesto Junior College. Our vision is to be a premiere student-transfer program for our local community. I cannot thank Coach Young enough for the opportunity the last 12 years to grow and develop under his tutelage.”

Stivers is a graduate of MJC and Hilmar High School. He was a star running back for each school, playing in the Lions High School All-Star game in 1990 and earning All-State honors at MJC in 1992. He continued his education at UC Davis where he played for the Aggies (1993-94) and graduated in 1995.

Stivers has taught for the Ceres Unified School District since 2006, following two 3-year stints at Delhi High School and Riverbank High School.

Dean Bettencourt added, "Under his leadership of the football program, the entire athletic program will prosper and students will reap the benefits."

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Note: A photo of MJC Head Football Coach Rusty Stivers is attached for media use.

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